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EXCERPTS FROM DEPT'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) INCORPORATED PHILIPPE BEN PIECE IN LE MONDE DATED FEBRUARY 8 ENTITLED "WASHINGTON CONFIRMS SALE 200 PATTON TANKS TO ISRAEL". BEN TENDENTIOUSLY HIGHLIGHTS ALLEGED "CHANGE OF DOCTRINE" IN THAT US MOVED FROM OPPOSITION TO ARMS RACE IN MIDEAST TO POSTURE WHICH, BEN IMPLIES, HELPS FOSTER IT. POUCHING TEXT.

COMMENT: SEE EMBTEL 4720. BOHLEN
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